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1. IN AUGUST 2 LETTER, ARMISH/MAAG INFORMED GOI THAT LESOTHO NOT REPEAT NOT ELIGIBLE FOR USG DEFENSE ARTICLES, SERVICES AND TRAINING (REFTEL). ON SEPTEMBER 3, DEPUTY MINISTER OF WAR FOR ARMAMENT, LTG MASSUMI CALLED POL/MIL COUNSELOR TO REPORT GOI CONTINUED TO RECEIVE APPEALS FOR PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED HELICOPTER PILOT TRAINING. MASSUMI ASKED WHETHER PREVIOUS USG DECISION MIGHT BE CHANGED OR WHETHER IT LIKELY LESOTHO MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE FOR DEFENSE TRAINING IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. WE REPLIED THAT WE KNEW OF NO PENDING OR LIKELY CHANGES, BUT WOULD CHECK ONE MORE WITH WASHINGTON.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY TO MASSUMI'S QUESTION, PARTICULARLY WHETHER LESOTHO'S ELIGIBILITY LIKELY TO CHANGE IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

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